



# Transportation Permits Policy Memorandum

**To:** Region Managers, Permits Personnel,  
Permit Services and Trucking Industry

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**Policy:** 101-99R

**Subject:** Hauling Oversize Tires



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## Background

Two sources contain the following historical information regarding this subject:

### 1. *Transportation Permits Manual*

#### 201.52 Tires (Oversize)

Overheight permit only with three inches (3") vertical clearance of lowest structure on the permitted route.

#### 1020.1 Tires (Oversize)

Permits for hauling overwidth tires are not available. Oversize tires must be hauled upright. A permit to haul overheight tires loaded consistent with the Department's reducible policy will be issued.

### 2. *Policy Memorandum, "Policy on Permits to Haul Tires,"* Mr. Gerald W. Burkhardt, Chief, Transportation Permits Branch, April 23, 1991.

Effective immediately, on a trial basis, "overwidth" permits shall be issued to haul tires with diameter between 8'-6" and 12'-0" loaded in a horizontal position. Overwidth tires may be stacked no more than two tires high with loaded width not to exceed the diameter of the tires. The policy applies to new tires by themselves as well as tires and wheels removed from mobile equipment.

During the "trial period" for the next year, we will be looking for information as to any problems of shifting of the stacks in order to decide if this should be continued. No overweight permits shall be written for reducible loads.

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## Finding

In the absence of an accident history or load spills, it appears that a safe shipping history is now established. It remains the hauler's responsibility to safely load, secure, and transport the cargo.

**Horizontal Loading of Oversize Tires**

Permit writers and variance coordinators may authorize permits to haul oversize tires of any extralegal width {single tire diameter (width) exceeds eight feet, six inches (8'-6")} in a horizontal position. Any number of tires may be stacked but the loaded height shall not exceed legal height or weight.

**Vertical Loading of Oversize Tires**

If the hauler wants to load the tires vertically on a low bed trailer at legal width, overheight is authorized on permit routes with a three inch (3") vertical clearance of the lowest structure.

**Notes:** Vertical loading over seventeen feet (17'-0") high or over fifteen feet (15'-0") wide are variance permit loads (see Chapter 4). Pilot cars are required for widths exceeding lane width {normally, twelve feet (12'-0")}.

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**New Policy**

Delete Transportation Permits Manual Section 201.52 and replace with the following:

**201.52 TIRES (Oversize) hauled horizontally**

Width - 15'-0" (over 15'-0" go as variance loads)  
Length, Height, Weight – Legal

**TIRES (Oversize) hauled vertically**

If the hauler wants to load the tires vertically on a low bed trailer at legal width, overheight is authorized on permit routes with a three inch (3") vertical clearance of the lowest structure.

Delete Transportation Permits Manual Section 1020.1 and replace with the following:

**1020.1 TIRES (Oversize)**

Tires with diameter over 8'6" but not to exceed 15'0" (variance) may be stacked horizontally to legal height. All other features shall be legal size and weight.



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